

A broadcast flag is a terrible idea.

This same idea has already been considered for VCRs. The court decided wisely that it is wrong to treat EVERYONE as criminals, and that we should have the right to record off television for purposes of time-shifting, media-shifting, and for use in review and satire. This control and flexibility is also incredibly important for disabled persons' ability to lead a normal life.

I should not be forced to find a cracked "pirate" copy of a television show to include a certain picture in my review of said show. This is just one of the fair use rights that would be utterly destroyed by a broadcast flag.

It is very important that consumer rights are retained in the future despite the transition to digital forms.